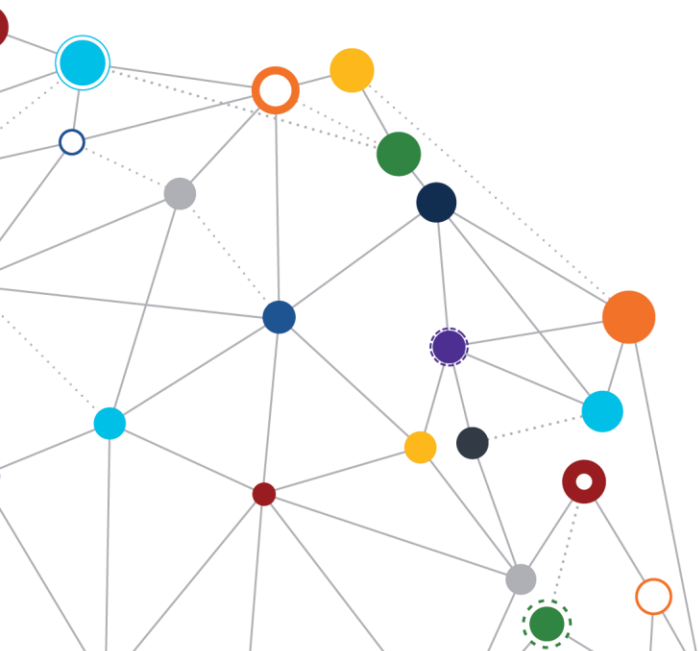# VS GUI User Guide Addendum

Release 1.7.45.0 Update

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1   Introduction

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Scheduling Graphical User Interface (VS GUI) module is the Windows GUI version of the Patient Information Management System (PIMS) Scheduling module. It provides appointment management functions included in PIMS Scheduling, but with the added convenience and usability of a GUI.

1.1   Purpose

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Integrated Veteran Care (IVC) requested an enterprise enhancement for the VS package that supports COVID-19 response. The enhancement reduces operating costs for VHA and improves operational efficiencies, resulting in patient-centered access to care, coordinated care, increased customer satisfaction, and the reduction of excessive cycle/wait time for scheduling patients.

1.2   Overview

VS GUI is a software module that allows schedulers to make appointments quickly by viewing multiple appointment request types and multiple clinics in one screen. A scheduler can easily view patient requests for service, find the next available open appointment, view the provider's availability in multiple clinics, and track a patient's appointment process. Refer to **System Summary** for a more detailed description of VS GUI functionality.

1.3   Disclaimers

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1.4   Project References

1.4.1   Information

The VS GUI points of contact (POCs) include:

- » IVC Program Office
- » TeleHealth & Scheduling Technical Director – Redacted
- » IVC Product Owner – Ms. Katheryn Benjamin – Redacted

VistA Scheduling (VSE) Resources

- » Veterans Health Administration (VHA) VSE SharePoint: Redacted
- » VA Software Document Library (VDL) – Scheduling (VSE manuals near the bottom):
  https://www.va.gov/vdl/application.asp?appid=100
- » VDL Archive: https://www.va.gov/vdl/application.asp?appid=399
- » National Return to Clinic (RTC) Order: Redacted

2   System Summary

The VSE project delivers a series of enhancements to legacy VistA Scheduling Version 5.3 via the VistA Scheduling (VS) Graphical User Interface (GUI) application.

This update is for the nationally released version 1.7.45.0, which includes VS GUI 1.7.45.0 and VistA patch SD*5.3*851. At time of publishing, install period is projected for August 2023.

VS GUI Release 1.7.45.0 is heavily focused on back-end updates and includes two user facing modifications. The ability to edit the Patient Indicated Date (PID) for Consults or Procedures has been removed, and the label for Permanent Address under Patient Info has been changed to Mailing Address. The back-end updates include Remote Procedure Call (RPC) modifications to support future functionality.

3 Key Feature Update in Version 1.7.45.0

3.1 Removes Ability to Edit PID for Consults or Procedures

The PID is no longer editable for Consults or Procedures. This includes removing the ability to edit in the following scenarios:

- Edit Request (if the prior appointment was canceled by patient or marked as a no show).
- The cancellation screen when Canceled by Patient is selected.
- Create appointment (if the prior appointment was canceled by patient or marked as no show).
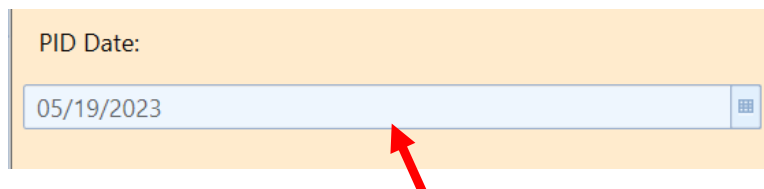

Figure 1: Image displaying greyed out PID because it is no longer editable for Consults or Procedures.

3.2 Updates Permanent Address Label to Mailing Address

Permanent Address has been renamed to Mailing Address in the Patient Info screen.
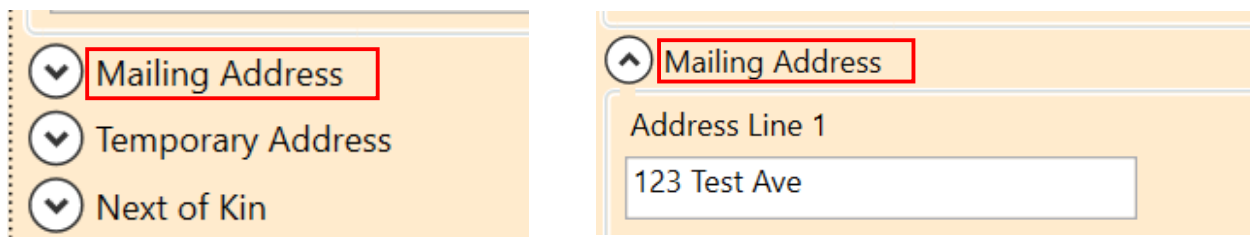

Figure 2: Images showing Permanent Address Label renamed to Mailing Address in the Patient Info screen.